## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)**

CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30 pm

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## **Agenda**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL**

The <u>LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-09</u> enables the Commission to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Commission may continue to teleconference its meeting without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 because of COVID- 19 pandemic and health issues.

Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Excused	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Excused	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

## AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CO-CHAIR DANIEL MAYEDA

The agenda was accepted with no changes.



## **AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

<u>4a. Update and Discussion of Maps Submitted by the public and LA CRC Commissioners, Including Potentially Requesting Drafters of Certain Maps to Present at Future Meeting(s) — Co-Chair Dan Mayeda</u>

Priti Mathur of ARCBridge presented her initial analysis of the first 7 maps submitted, including population demographics (ethnicity, total population, CVAP, VAP), geography, etc. Commissioners asked questions of clarification. She was able to present the analysis for 2 of the 7 maps analyzed to date.

County Statistics Areas (CSAs) include 348 areas that reflect 87 cities, 100+ unincorporated areas, and areas within the City of Los Angeles (the 88<sup>th</sup> city in the county and with a population of approximately 2 million and, thus, requiring to be part of 2 or more supervisorial districts). Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, the LA County CRC Executive Director, pointed out that the full listing of the CSAs is on the LA County CRC website: <a href="https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CSA.pdf">https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CSA.pdf</a>

## Public comment – see recordings on "VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED" at the start of the minutes:

- 1. Stuart Waldman
- 2. Lucy Demirjian
- 3. Jessica Panduro
- 4. Chris Rowe
- Dina Fisher

The Commissioners found the summaries useful and asked Priti Mathur of ARCBridge to clarify why the CVAP and VAP tables did not total 100% at the next meeting.

4b. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Map Evaluation Criteria Regarding Draft Maps that 1) Increase to Six Years the Interval Certain Voters Will Have to Wait Before Voting in a Regularly-Scheduled Supervisorial Election and 2) Renumber Districts so That Few or No Voters in the New District Participated in Last Supervisorial Election for that District — Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

Holly Whatley, Independent Legal Counsel, provided a staff report on this agenda item, outlining the impact of election cycles on supervisorial districts. (See <u>staff report</u> on the LA County CRC website for further elaboration).

She explained that to meet constitutional and statutory requirements in drawing district boundaries, the Commission will necessarily shift populations among the five supervisorial districts. Those shifts will affect when voters next have the opportunity to vote in a regularly scheduled supervisorial election based on Los Angeles County's election schedule for SDs. The following table aids understanding of the issue.





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Supervisorial District (SD)	Last Election	Next Election
1	2018	2022
2	2020	2024
3	2018	2022
4	2020	2024
5	2020	2024

She also presented a table prepared by Commissioner David Holtzman that elaborates further on this issue.

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David A. Holtzman, M.P.H., J.D. Commissioner DHoltzman@crc.lacounty.gov

## SUGGESTED WAYS TO THINK OF REPRESENTATION, BY TYPE OF AREA (Type of Area Defined by Election Years)

Election Year Last↓ Next →	2022	2024	
2018	A: "18&22" <u>until 2022</u> : rep'd by elected <u>2022-2024</u> : rep'd by elected	B: "18&24"  until 2022: rep'd by elected 2022-2024: rep'd by supe elected in 2022 in nearby/old district, or by supe elected in 2020 in new district	
2020	C: "20&22" <u>until 2022</u> : rep'd by elected <u>2022-2024</u> : rep'd by elected	D: "20&24" <u>until 2022</u> : rep'd by elected <u>2022-2024</u> : rep'd by elected	

elected = supervisor most recently elected by the district containing the area

Type A: "18&22" areas change from current District 1 or 3 to new District 1 or 3
Type B: "18&24" areas change from current District 1 or 3 to new District 2, 4 or 5
Type C: "20&22" areas change from current District 2, 4 or 5 to new District 1 or 3
Type D: "20&24" areas change from current District 2, 4 or 5 to new District 2, 4 or 5



Commissioners asked questions of clarification in a "round robin" format.

## Public comment – see recordings on "VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED" at the start of the minutes:

## 1. Chris Rowe

Commissioners discussed the issue further and decided that no motion was needed at this time. The Commission may opt to renumber the supervisorial districts in their map options to reflect current geographic configurations of the existing supervisorial districts and, thus, be less disruptive to the voters.

## 4c. Discussion of Potential Other Criteria for Evaluating Maps — Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

Priti Mathur of ARCBridge presented an initial draft model for evaluating submitted maps. Commissioners asked questions of clarification in a "round robin" format.

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- 1. Chris Rowe
- 2. Barbara Broide
- 3. Joseph Roth
- 4. Josh r. Wheeler
- 5. Valerie M.
- 6. John Mendoza

Commissioners raised concerns about the scoring system, including:

- Too much emphasis placed on the splitting of geographic areas (CSAs, Neighborhood Councils, and the 3 COI models)
- Using numerical scores versus color-coding groupings (red, yellow, green)
- Clarification and value of the "demographer evaluation"

Although they could see that an evaluation model would be useful, they requested that Priti Mathur return with a more fleshed out model applied to all submitted maps.

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda asked the Commissioners to review the maps posted on the hub to identify the ones they felt were most compelling for the next meeting – tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27, 2021, starting at 6:30 p.m. Time is of the essence.



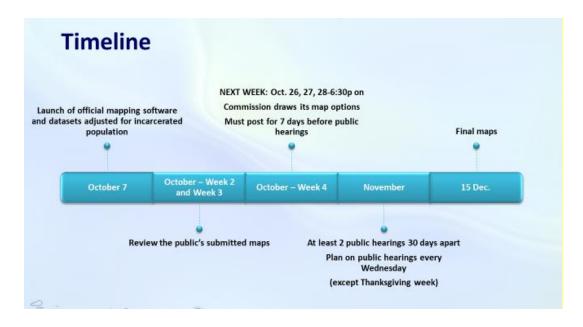
## 4d. Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Maps and/or Direction to ARCBridge to Develop Draft Maps for Upcoming Public Hearings—Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

This agenda item was not taken up, given the lengthy meeting and late hour. It will be continued as an agenda item for the October 27, 2021, regular meeting.

## AGENDA ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough outline the tight timeline through December 15.

- Meeting October 26, 27, and 28 at 6:30 pm to identify map options for notification and public hearings in November
- Meeting every Wednesday evening up until December 15



## AGENDA ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT - CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

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